

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES

DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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TITLE OF INVENTION

NON-THREADED EXPANDABLE PIPE CONNECTION SYSTEM

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (20 pages specification, 10 claims & 1 page abstract 16 sheets drawings (**Figs. 1-35**)).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (pages specification, claims & abstract (claims), sheets drawings, page Certificate of Translation).
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☒ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9.
 - a. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
 - b. ☒ Declaration was submitted to the International Bureau during International Phase (see copies of Declaration (1 page Form PCT/RO/101 and Form PCT/IB/371 and first page of printed publication acknowledging receipt thereof attached).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 To 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13.
 - a. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 - b. ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information. PCT/IPEA/408; Response to Written Opinion of the Int'l Searching Authority dated September 13, 2005; Response to Written Opinion of the Int'l Searching Authority dated January 16, 2006; PCT/IB/304; Int'l Search Report w/refs.

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/504128		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GB2004/005137		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 608-482	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:					
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5):					
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Basic national fee			\$300.00 (1631)/\$150.00 (2631)	\$ 300.00
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Examination Fee.....			\$0 (1643/2643)	
				\$200.00 (1633)/\$100.00 (2633)	\$ 200.00
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Search Fee			\$0 (1640/2640)	
				\$100 (1641)/\$50 (2641)	
				\$400 (1642)/\$200 (2642)	
				\$500.00 (1632)/\$250.00 (2632)	\$ 400.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					\$ 900.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)		RATE	
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				\$0.00 (2681)	
Surcharge of \$130.00 (1617)/\$65.00 (2617) for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)).					\$ 0.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	# EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	10 minus 20 =	0 X	\$50.00 (1615)/	\$25.00 (2615)	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1 minus 3 =	0 X	\$200.00 (1614)	\$100.00 (2614)	\$ 0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (if applicable)			\$360.00 (1616)/\$180.00 (2616)		\$ 0.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s): One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251); Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252); Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253)/\$510.00 (2253); Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254)/\$795.00 (2254)					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.					
Processing fee of \$130.00 (1618), for furnishing the English Translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)).					0.00
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =					\$ 900.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 (8021) per property					\$ 0.00
Fee for Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application;\$1500.00 (1453) / \$750.00 (2453)					\$ 0.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =					\$ 900.00
					Amount to be refunded:
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					\$
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a. ☐ A check in the amount of \$900.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 14-1140 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.
A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.
- d. ☒ **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM ATTACHED.**
- e. ☒ The entire content of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/005137 and any U.S. and foreign application(s) corresponding thereto, and 0329811.4 and 0410906.2, referred to in this application is/are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
- NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.**

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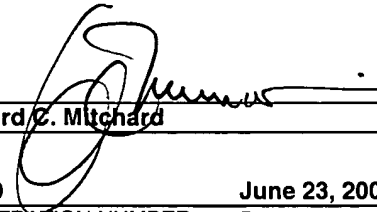
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